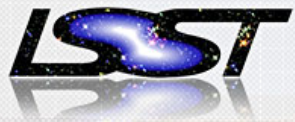
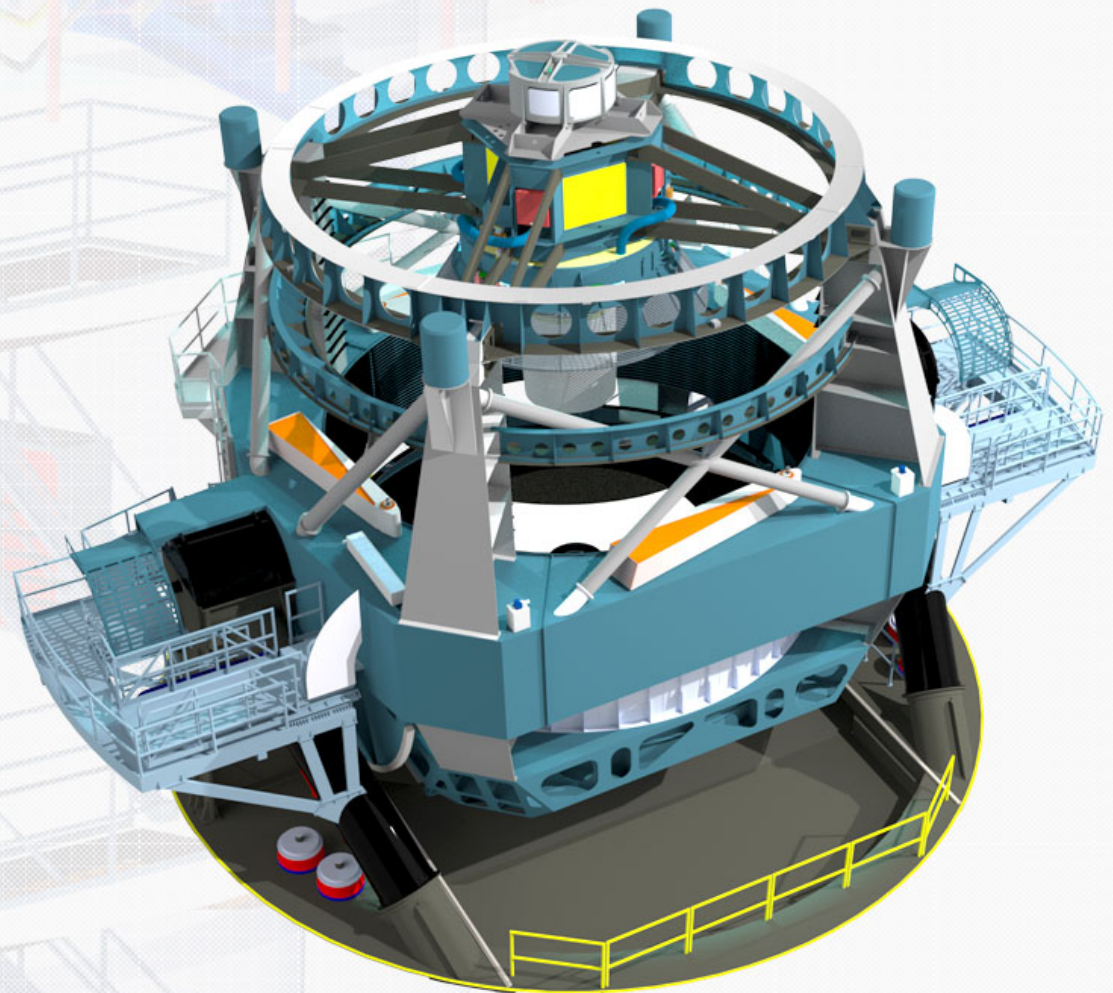


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Thank you!



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- Jeff Newman
- Michael Wood-Vasey
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News and Updates



- Final Design Review, Tucson
 - So far so good!
 - See Steve Kahn's talk later today



Reminder: “highlight projects”

We’d like to

- Interact with our peers in the global cosmology community
- Have an impact on ongoing surveys
- Learn from cosmologists outside LSST
 - An example of the above is the tree-ring structure in chips found by the LSST and DES teams!

Proposal

- Every six months we release products that are advertised outside DESC
 - First Release: March 2014; Second Release: November 2014
- What qualifies – up to us to decide! A rough guide is:
 - Of interest beyond LSST
 - A product that we know some people will use
 - Can be done by an existing DESC group in a reasonable timeframe
- These can include
 - Simulation challenges in the spirit of the GREAT weak lensing challenge
 - Software products
 - Simulations runs
 - Analysis or compilations of current data



Highlight Projects – 2014 and beyond



- Exciting progress this fall!
- Look for March release and previews in February
- Beyond 2014: we'll deepen our engagement with the cosmology community
- Longer term projects will lead to deliverables over time
- Cross-working group projects will be a growing part of the story!



Proposed Timeline



- Dec 2013 / Jan 2014 - implementation of "transitional process" for establishing Full Members as described in the Membership Policy.
- Jan 2014 -- Spokesperson circulates Management Plan.
- **Feb 2014 -- All Full Members vote on Governance Plan.**
- **Mar 2014 --** Form Collaboration Council from full members (**process TBD**)
 - Collaboration Council selects chair and appoints Membership Committee
 - Temporary Full members (12 EB+16 WG) submit proposals for Full Membership to this (new) Membership Committee.
- Nov 2014 or earlier -- Collaboration Council appoints Spokesperson Nomination Committee (at least six months before transition).
- Dec 2014 -- DESC Full Members **vote** on new spokesperson.
- Dec 2014 -- Collaboration Council selects new voting members of Executive Board to replace ~half of existing members to begin cycle of two-year terms.
- Mar 2015 -- Collaboration Council replaces ~half its members to begin cycle of two-year terms.
 - June 2015 -- Spokesperson transition.



Proposed transitional process for establishing Full Membership

- 12 members of executive board plus conveners of 16 WG become temporary Full Members.
- Executive Board constitutes initial Membership Committee.
- All current members invited to submit applications for Full Membership.
- After these applications are processed,
 - Collaboration Council is formed,
 - Membership Committee is appointed by Council,
 - Temporary Full Members submit their proposals to Membership Committee.